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News of the Week

H. W. Hills is once more at home to his friends at the Oaks.

Mrs. J. A. Crosby and Alden reached home from Kenilworth, Ill., Wednesday.

Florida ships some fish—from Punta Gorda alone last week they shipped 242,600 lbs of fresh fish.

L. D. Jones, T. F. A. of the M. & M. S. S. Co., was here Friday morning in the interest of his Company.

Mr. Leach, of the Times-Union was recently here in the interest of the special Putnam County issue of his paper.

Attention is called to ad. of M. E. Gillis, of Memphis, Tenn. Get in touch with Mr. Gillis and give him and the Memphis market a trial.

B. F. Dotney and wife are expected from Chicopee, Mass., to-day. Mr. Dotney has just had a large lot of pipe come and will put in an irrigation plant in his grove.

Geunrtison & Brown Co., of Jacksonville, Fla., have an ad. on next page. For a nearby market give them a trial. This concern comes to us with an investigated reference that commends them to Item shippers.

A. Bailey, after a summer spent in New York State, is expected home to-day. He will have his hands full this winter putting up the fruit crop, as A. Bailey & Son's grove has about double the crop it ever had before.

P. B. Turpin, of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Exchange, Jacksonville, was calling on the growers here Thursday and Friday. Mr. Turpin, some twenty years ago, was with Mr. E. Bean in his large packing-house here.

The Lyon Bros. Co., of New York, are among the old timers and have a big trade. The Item can recommend this firm as among the best and they will get all out of the fruit anyone can on the New York market. See their ad. in this issue.

Mr. Knox, of McCormick Hubbs & Co., New York, paid San Mateo a little call Monday. He has been pretty well over the state and reports some fine accounts coming their way this season. We should have been pleased to have seen more of Mr. Knox but he was in a hurry to get back to N. Y., and left here for Daytona and then is to hustle northward.

Mrs. Beauchain a Suicide.

That Mrs. Mabel A. Beauchain, of Allston, a suburb of Boston, Mass., came to her death at the Aragon Hotel yesterday by a razor cut across the throat, self-inflicted, was the verdict of the coroner's jury, which made a thorough investigation of the case to-day. Mrs. Beauchain was found in her room early yesterday morning with her throat cut from ear to ear, a razor lying near her right hand, the blood spurted about over the bed clothing and even to the floor beyond. Dr. E. E. Banker, of Ft. Edward, N. Y., her private physician, found her gasping for breath and called hotel attendants.

The coroner's jury viewed the scene of the tragedy this morning and heard the testimony of Dr. Banker, hotel attendants, Mr. Newcomb, proprietor of the hotel; Sheriff Bowden, Detective Cahoon and Deputy Sheriff Frank Jones, who had investigated the case. The trunks of Mrs. Beauchain and her personal effects were carefully searched, but nothing was revealed that had any bearing whatever on the case.

Evidence before the jury to-day showed that Mrs. Beauchain feared an impending operation, and that she had previously been affected with nervous depression, bordering upon dementia. Dr. Banker declared to-day that one of the physicians in attendance upon her at that time stated that she had the facial expression of one afflicted with suicidal melancholia. He predicted that she would end her own life some day.

Owing to some estrangement there has been no communication between Mrs. Beauchain and her relatives, and her body will be sent to her attorney. Her mother, Mrs. Kennison, and a sister, live at 34 Pratt St., Allston, Mass., a suburb of Boston.

Dr. Banker stated this morning that no one regretted or deplored the suicide more than he, who had spent several months as Mrs. Beauchain's physician and advisor. He first met the Beauchains at San Mateo, where he was practicing, and accompanied them to their home last year. He was acting under advice of Mr. Vahey, Mrs. Beauchain's attorney, as the telegram from him plainly shows.

All the evidence pointed to the suicide theory. The wound across Mrs. Beauchain's throat was deeper at the left side, where there were two or three slight scratches from the razor, which had probably been inflicted before the fatal cut. The razor was lying near her hand, and

the body had apparently fallen back from a sitting position.

Following instructions from her attorney, Joseph H. Vahey, the body of Mrs. Beauchain will be shipped to Boston to-night. A telegram received from Mr. Vahey last night addressed to Dr. Banker, said:

"Dreadfully sorry. Ship body to Boston at my expense. Be sure to come yourself."

Dr. Banker will accompany the body. Mrs. Beauchain's personal effects have been left in the keeping of the hotel, where they will be held until advices are received from Boston.

Evidence showed that Mrs. Beauchain and Dr. Banker had formed a warm personal friendship, which the doctor admitted might have ripened into love. Dr. Banker is a married man, but is separated from his wife, there having been a tacit understanding that he and Mrs. Beauchain would some day be wedded. This he admitted modestly, after questioning, although it was not considered as having any bearing on the case.

Papers showed that Mrs. Beauchain had been separated from her husband before his death in a private sanitarium near Boston last May, an agreement having been drawn up between them regarding the division of property. The papers also showed that Mrs. Beauchain's life had been insured for \$3,000, the policy being made out to her husband, and in event of his death, to her estate. Dr. Banker says she has made a will, but that the will is in the possession of her attorney, Joseph H. Vahey, a prominent lawyer of Boston, and now in a campaign for election as Governor of the State of Massachusetts.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Joseph B. Bancroft Dead.

Word reaches us from Hopedale of the death of Joseph B. Bancroft at his home at Hopedale, Mass., at 7 o'clock a. m., October 25th. He had been ill for a long time. Mr. Bancroft was 88 years of age. He was married in 1844, Mrs. Bancroft passing away in 1898. Mr. Bancroft has for many years been coming to his winter home here on the banks of the St. Johns, but owing to ill health has not been able to get down for the past two seasons.

The bereaved family has the sympathy of all the Florida friends.

Dr. J. E. Cochrane and wife arrived Tuesday from Valatie, N. Y., and are now comfortably settled at the Byrlyn. The Doctor will manage the Byrlyn this season and practice medicine. He has been a practicing physician for 16 years.

Death of Rev. W. E. Stanton.

Miami, Oct. 27.—Rev. W. E. Stanton, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, died yesterday at 11:30 o'clock. Dr. Stanton has been in feeble health for some time, and for the last two Sundays was unable to fill his pulpit. The immediate cause of his death was an acute attack of pneumonia. Rev. W. E. Stanton came to San Mateo from Lowell, Mass., about 1871 and resided there until going to Lemon City in 1895 and purchased a tract of land, built a home and planted an orange grove and pineapple plantation. In 1897 he came to Miami, preaching in a tent, and through his kindly manners and deep interest in the cause he soon gathered a number of faithful followers. About two years after largely through his consecrated work a society was formed, and steps taken towards the erection of a fine church building. Both Dr. Stanton and his devoted wife labored unceasingly for this, and after a time they saw the fruits of their labor, a fine church building, dedicated to the worship of God, also a commodious parsonage. His church membership has grown from a few until now it has something over 300 actual members. Dr. Stanton would have been 71 year years old if he had lived until December. He is survived by a widow, one son, Rev. Arthur Stanton, a Missionary in India; a daughter, Mrs. Theo Houser, who resides in this city, and one brother, Avery Stanton. The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon in the Baptist church, and the remains will be sent to Norwich, Conn., for interment. The remains will be accompanied by Theo T. Houser. Dr. Stanton came to the end "like a shock of corn fully ripe for the harvest," and has gone hence to reap the reward of his faithful stewardship.—Times-Union.

FOR SALE.

Putnam County Poor Farm.

The Board of County Commissioners will entertain propositions for the sale of the Putnam County Poor Farm.

This Farm consists of Eighty [80] acres of rich hammock and muck lands situated $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Florahome; about eight acres of Pecan trees; fine stock range; good two-story residence and barn.

This is an ideal situation for a home, and is well adapted to the growth of fruits, of which there are some fine specimens on the place; about forty acres under cultivation present year, with fences in good repair.

For further information apply to Co., Commissioner T. J. Rogers, Putnam Hall, Fla., or

HENRY HUTCHINSON,
Clerk Circuit Court, Palatka, Fla.